

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24-34 are pending.

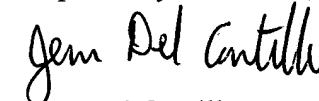
The art of record does not show at least the recited controller being operable to store constituent data blocks of the file data among one or more storage devices, where for each data block, a destination storage device is determined based at least on a data structure of the data block.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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